

News Briefs

Wing down day

Col. Dave Goldfein, 52nd Fighter Wing commander, has declared Monday a down day. Wing agencies are closed.

Project Connect Event

Mr. Scott Segal, a prominent civic and community leader, will be the guest speaker for October's Project Connect talk Tuesday, 10 a.m. at Club Eifel. All wing CGOs and NCOs are encouraged to attend. Mr. Segal is a successful businessman as well as a legal educator and author who is a leading member of the Board of Directors for several charities and civic service organizations to include: the National Public Radio President's Council and the Make-A-Wish Foundation of Western Pennsylvania and Southern West Virginia. Mr. Segal's motivational speech, "Ethics and Leadership," will promote USAF's Project Connect and will benefit everyone in attendance. Project Connect provides unique opportunities for our Airmen to connect with leaders from all walks of life.

Pass/ID, registration hours

The Spangdahlem AB Pass and Identification Office will be closed for training today at 2:30 p.m. and the Spangdahlem AB Vehicle Registration Office will close for inventory today at 1 p.m. Both offices will re-open for normal business Monday at 8 a.m. Walk-in appointments for vehicle registration will now be 8 a.m. to 4:15 p.m. Monday through Friday and appointments will be from 1-4:15 p.m. Monday through Friday. Call Julius Jackson at 452-6013 for more information.

Special leave accrual

Members who were recalled from or denied annual leave as a consequence of duty assignments in support of contingency operations as of Sept. 30 are authorized restoration of the leave they lost. These members must use any restored leave by the end of the fiscal year 2006. If extenuating circumstances prevent the member from taking all the special leave accrual by the end of FY2006, the member may apply at the end of FY2006 to have the unused portion of the SLA carried over through FY2007. Information must be submitted through commanders to the 52nd Mission Support Squadron Military Personnel Flight by Nov. 15. For details, call Master Sgt. Terry Wise at 452-4166.

OCSC funding requests

The Officers & Civilians Spouses' Club asks that all FY2006 funding requests be submitted to: Spangdahlem OCSC Welfare Treasurer, 52 SVS/SVA, Unit 3670, Box 170, APO AE, 09126. It is critical that requests be received by the last Wednesday of the month prior to the month the funds will be needed. Plan ahead and submit funding requests in a timely manner and the OCSC committee will try to support the request. Call Ines Gordon at 06562-931577 for details.

Go nuts!

People can come out of their shells this weekend at a unique festival.

Read "Ancient town in Luxembourg celebrates walnut abundance," on Page 7.



RESCON Watch

BRAVO

1-2 DUIs in the Last 30 Days

Days since last DUI: 13

Large unit with best record: 52nd Communications Squadron, 225 days
Small units with best record: 52nd Medical Support Squadron,
52nd Dental Squadron and 52nd Contracting Squadron: No DUIs

Data Courtesy of the 52nd SFS

When going out, have a plan or call Airmen Against Drunk Driving at 06565-61-2233.

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Airman Emily Moore

'Retro' active

Entertainers à la the "roaring 20's" dance as part of the U.S. Air Force's performing troupe, Tops In Blue, entertained Sabers here Sept. 22 during their 120-location world tour. TIB selects 30 "ambassadors" of music, vocals and dance to bring America's unique brand of culture and entertainment to the world.

CFC set to bring local, stateside aid

By Senior Airman Amaani Lyle
52nd Fighter Wing Public Affairs Office

As the U.S. Gulf Coast wobbles back to its feet in the wake of two devastating hurricanes in as many months, wing members here can now lean forward to lend a helping hand.

The overseas Combined Federal Campaign begins Saturday and runs six consecutive weeks through Dec. 15. Developed in the early 1960s, the CFC is the largest workplace charity campaign in the country. The annual fall fundraising drive allows nearly four million federal employees and servicemembers a legitimate way to contribute to thousands of local and national nonprofit organizations.

"The campaign is designed so that members are able to donate once a year to several charities as opposed to being asked to give several times a year to multiple organizations," said Master Sgt. Thomas Hartswick, 52nd Equipment Maintenance Squadron assistant fabrication flight chief.

Though natural disasters and their subsequent fundraising efforts are on the minds of many donors, Sergeant Hartswick said there are numerous organizations and causes that can benefit from the generosity of servicemembers.

"There are more than 1,700 organizations to choose from that need your help," Sergeant Hartswick said. "Members can rest assured that they are official charities and that their money will be used for the organization they designate."

The CFC has consolidated a list of charitable organizations specifically designated for hurricane relief efforts. Each representative will have a list of these organizations for those members who wish to donate to this effort, Sergeant Hartswick said.

"It will take a long time to rebuild from the hurricane disasters -- I'm sure the organizations that help these victims and the rest of the CFC organizations will appreciate any and all donations," the NCO added.

Wing leaders will officially kick off the CFC in front of the Spangdahlem AB BXtra today at 4:30 p.m. Col. Scott West, 52nd Fighter Wing vice commander, will attend the cake-cutting ceremony and sign the first donation check.

"Sabers have stepped up as representatives at all levels to ensure we make 100-percent contact and give every member the opportunity to donate," Colonel West said.

Sergeant Hartswick said each group in the wing has accepted



U.S. government graphic

a challenge to conduct their own fundraisers to support the 52nd FW Family Support and Youth Program, an option that allows members to funnel donations directly back to the wing. All donations collected from these fundraisers will directly contribute to the wing's overall CFC goal.

"The wing commander is trying to build teen centers to get our youth off the street and provide them a safe place to meet and have fun," Sergeant Hartswick said. "The FYSP is a great opportunity to help out the wing while donating to the CFC."

On average, one in four federal employees or their dependents will benefit from the campaign charities this year, CFC officials said.

Master Sgt. Boyd Middlebrook, 52nd EMS nondestructive inspection chief, said he felt compelled to give after receiving help from the CFC not too long ago.

"The American Red Cross, by way of the CFC, helped me get home after my grandfather died," Sergeant Middlebrook said. "I was able to attend the funeral and be of some comfort to my family. What you give comes back to you. You might be the benefactor now, but (the CFC) could be there for you when you need it."

Last year, federal employees and servicemembers donated a record-setting \$257 million to the campaign. Contributions can be made in cash, check or by payroll deduction.

For more information, people can call Master Sgt. Thomas Hartswick at 452-6047, call their local campaign project officers or visit the CFC Web site at www.opm.gov/cfc.

STOMP workshop gives parents 'special needs' guidance

By Staff Sgt. Jennifer Lindsey
52nd Fighter Wing Public Affairs Office

While living off base in Panama in 1999, the Williams family had to dive into another foreign world, a world with different laws and regulations, to ensure that their son, who has an information-processing disorder, would get the assistance he needed in grade school. This proactive approach to parenting helped Colleen Williams see her son into his high school years, with a promising look toward walking across the graduation stage in 2008.

The Williams family is one of more than 160 Saber families and an estimated 540,000 active-duty military sponsors caring for family members with special medical or educational needs. Because there is power in numbers, the military-affiliated organization STOMP, Standardized Training for Military Parents, is able to provide a national online network of support and information resources.

Earlier this week, a STOMP workshop held in Spangdahlem Air Base's Club Eifel shared volumes of information with parents on how to be advocates for their children's needs and dispelled common misconceptions and military career concerns.

"There's an unspoken idea that military families must be able to cope with anything, that they must be strong and completely self-reliant," said Heather Hebdon, STOMP director. "But seeking support confirms the reality that families who are truly strong know that seeking help from others is a show of strength."

Because special needs range from non-life threatening, such as handwriting difficulties due to the need to fine-tune motor skills, to severe physical challenges, such as those of a wheel-

Special needs information

STOMP is a support and information sharing military-affiliated network for parents and guardians of children with special needs. Saber families interested in attending a STOMP workshop can register for upcoming events taking place in Germany:

- ♦ Wuerzburg, Wednesday and Thursday.
- ♦ Hanau, Oct. 13-14.
- ♦ Mannheim, Oct. 25-26.
- ♦ Kaiserslautern, Oct. 26-27.

For more information, e-mail sherry.renz@cmtymail.98asg.army.mil for Wuerzburg, susan.moyer1@us.army.mil for Hanau, jennifer.funk@cmtymail.26asg.army.mil for Mannheim and sharpek@cmtymail.26asg.army.mil for Kaiserslautern.

chair-bound child, parents often have to do quite a bit of reading and research to garner assistance tailored to meet their child's needs. People who work or volunteer for STOMP have children with special needs of their own who "provide experience and first-hand understanding of the challenges" parents may be facing, such as meeting financial challenges, said Ms. Hebdon.

Parents who aren't sure if their child has special needs can contact the 52nd Medical Operations Squadron Early Intervention and Special Education Services clinic, which is an overseas-provided service for parents of babies and children up to age 3. Another option is to attend a Child Find screening which are held throughout the year to help parents determine if their child has developmental delays in language, social, motor, cognitive or self-help skills.

"Like well-baby checks, the screenings are for families of new dads and moms who aren't sure where their child should be developmentally," said Maj. Amie Daryanani, EDIS clinic chief. "We can help pinpoint a child's areas for improvement and coach the family on how to work with or overcome the deficiencies."

EDIS is only offered overseas, but families destined for stateside bases can tap into their gaining state's school system or the state's early intervention agencies for assistance. The 52nd MDOS EDIS element maintains a contact list for stateside agencies so parents can begin making stateside arrangements before their permanent change of station dates.

When the child reaches age 4, parents should begin working with the schools to meet the student's educational needs, said Ms. Williams, Saber spouse and Defense Commissary Agency administrative assistant. This is when educational issues typically become more challenging, and help organizations such as STOMP and other workshops become a great family resource.

Visit www.stompproject.org for more information about STOMP.

Hispanic-American party

Celebrate Hispanic-American culture today from 6 p.m. to 1 a.m. in the Brick House. The event features free food, dancing contests and games through 7 p.m. At 8 p.m. the party continues for people ages 18 and older. Volunteers are needed to set up and to clean up the facility after the party. Call David Barker at 452-6544 for details.



Failure to yield results in two totaled cars

By David A. Barker
52nd Security Forces Squadron

Team Eifel had no driving while intoxicated incidents during the past week. There was one major accident and thirteen minor wrecks.

The only major wreck took place Sunday in Binsfeld. The accident was caused when a local-national driver failed to yield right of way and hit the Airman's car, resulting in two totaled cars, but no injuries.

Team Eifel members were involved in thirteen minor wrecks: one due to driving at a speed too fast for conditions, four from improper backing, five from inattentive driving and three involved wildlife.

Autumn driving

Fog is a common Eifel region morning driving condition in the autumn. Also, as the weather gets colder the roads become prone to "black ice," water that freezes as a sheet and is not as visible as ice.

Before driving in foggy conditions, drivers should clean their windows and warm up the engine, but idling the car for longer than five minutes is highly discouraged because the engine pollutants are damaging to the environment. Before taking off for work in the fall and winter, drivers should check with 105.1 FM, AFN television or call 452-COPS to ensure the roads are clear as weather conditions typically change quickly in the Eifel during this time of year.

No more coupons; school cafeterias issue lunch PINs

Contributed by Army and Air Force Exchange Service

The past week, Spangdahlem Air Base and Bitburg Annex schools initiated a new register system, called Horizon.

The school meal payment system replaces the former lunch ticket system. Instead of purchasing lunch tickets, parents can deposit money into a meal account. Students then access their accounts using personal identification numbers, similar to using a debit card.

The new system offers parents the convenience of not having to purchase lunch tickets any longer, said Conrad Rudy, Army and Air Force Exchange Service manager. However, students can continue using their lunch tickets until they have used them all.

"Students who have no more coupons will be issued a PIN when they or their parents go to purchase lunch coupons from the AAFES cashier cages at Bitburg and Spangdahlem, or at the BXtra at Spang," said Audrey Burkel, 52nd Mission Support Squadron Department of Defense Dependent Schools liaison.

After parents activate their child's Horizon account, they can deposit additional funds at the AAFES cashiers' cage using cash, check or credit card, or at the school cafeteria using cash only. Account funds not used by the end of the school year remain in the student's account for use during the next school year.

Parents who decide not to open a school meal account for their children can still pay cash for their child's meals; however, students who qualify for the free or reduced lunches must log their lunch purchases using their Horizon account. Also, families preparing to move to a new duty station must close out their students' accounts at the AAFES cashier cage.

To prevent personal identification number theft, each account will display a picture of the student that the cashier can use as a cross reference. For students who are unable to remember their PIN, there is a special feature built into the auto-payment system that allows the cashier to access all necessary accounts.

Hometown Holiday Greetings time!

Military members and their families are invited to sign up for Hometown Holiday Greetings. Taping takes place Thursday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Oct 7 from 8-11 a.m. Appointments must be made to tape a holiday greeting and are set up on a "first-come, first-serve" basis. To schedule a holiday greeting tape time, call Capt. Tom Crosson at 452-6833.

Remember ...

- ♦ Military member must be in uniform.
- ♦ Family members can make a greeting if the military member is deployed, on temporary-duty status or otherwise unable to make it for a legitimate military purpose. (Being camera shy is not a legitimate purpose.)
- ♦ Participants are encouraged to bring an address book along so they don't draw a blank on their home address when it comes time to record.





Courtesy photo

Top Saber Performer

Name: Senior Airman Kerchell Strong
Unit: 52nd Operations Group
Duty title: 52nd OG Information Manager
Hometown: Brooklyn, N.Y.
Years in service: Six
Nominee's contributions to 52nd Fighter Wing mission success: Airman Strong tracks the timeliness of performance reports and decorations for more than 500 operations group members. She also ensures the proper coordination of wing and group suspenses to five squadrons, and ensures the group completes accounts due to the fighter wing, military personnel flight and other base agencies. Airman Strong is the primary

client support administrator and Web page maintainer for group staff members.

Off-duty volunteerism and professional development pursuits: Airman Strong volunteered for the Spangdahlem Spouses and Enlisted Club Spring Bazaar and chaperoned school children during a bowling outing. Airman Strong is also actively pursuing both her Community College of the Air Force associate's degree and a university bachelor's degree in computer information systems. Her diligent study habits recently paid off for promotions testing in which she earned a line number to staff sergeant.

What's a fun thing you've done lately? I attended the Bernkastel Festival.

What do you like most about being stationed here? I enjoy traveling, interacting with different people and seeing different cultures.

What's one thing you'd like to see changed or improved at Spangdahlem Air Base? I'd like to create more parking spaces.



Capt. James Cunningham

Combat re-enlistment

BAGRAM AIR FIELD, Afghanistan -- Senior Airman Ontario Rogers takes the oath of enlistment from Maj. Anne Marie Fenton, 455th Mission Support Squadron commander. Airman Rogers, an aerospace medical technician with the 249th Combat Support Hospital, is deployed here from Spangdahlem Air Base, Germany. The Airman reenlisted in the Air Force for another four years.

Eifel Salutes

52nd Mission Support Group

Hail to the **military personnel flight** for stellar teamwork that ensured Saber readiness for the upcoming chief's board.

38th Munitions Maintenance Group

Tech. Sgt. Nadine Lalanne not only keeps the dining facility in tip-top shape, but as the non-appropriated funds manager is responsible for \$233,000 worth of assets. We won't waffle when it comes to adding that she also volunteers for the annual Belgian American Friendship day that brings nearly 1,000 visitors. **Tech. Sgt. Chasity DeGroat** is in control when it comes to training 13 certified controllers. She manages all aspects of the initial, refresher and supplemental training programs and ensures the controllers remain knowledgeable with monthly tests and evaluations. Number one with a bullet is **Staff Sgt. Renaldo Richardson**, who trained and certified as a weapons load monitor in addition to training for munitions control.

52nd Maintenance Group

Hats off to the **electronic warfare section** for surpassing the USAFE standard ALQ-131 mission-capable rate by 1.3 percent. Once training is complete, **Airman 1st Class Jason Randall** will be at 43-percent task qualified from 178 tasks in only six months. Doing his job with zeal is **Tech. Sgt. Brian Beall**, who excelled with only three available of 10 authorized troops. They increased their commitment to pilot weapons targeting training by acquiring 16 Low-Altitude Navigation Targeting Infrared for Night pods. Sergeant Beall and his technicians also shouldered responsibility for shipping and transporting



these vital assets for the 52nd Aircraft Maintenance Squadron.

52nd Medical Group

Giving her folks a "leg up" over the competition was **Cindy Davis**, who pumped up the 52nd Aerospace Medicine Squadron with two step-aerobics classes for squadron physical training. The Shaw "shape" redemption ... **Maj. Elizabeth**

Shaw voluntarily taught an acute cardiac life support class to help keep Saber combat medics in good health, good shape and combat ready. A "Cotton" tale worthy of a salute ... **Maj. (Dr.) John Cotton** and **Airman 1st Class Kristina Hutchinson**, both of the flight medicine clinic, stepped up to assist with medical evaluation boards. Two points each for **Staff Sgt. Glenn Sabillo** and **Master Sgt. Joseph Soares** for getting the new PickPoint med-dispensing unit installed in the emergency room. We saw a salute comin' for **Airman 1st Class Allen Ransaw**, who maintained outstanding performance in the dental cleaning area while also concentrating on family business in the states.

CDC stars

52nd Aircraft Maintenance Squadron: **Airman 1st Class Joseph Brown**, 93; **Airman 1st Class Raushan Hilliard**, 97; **Senior Airman Brandon Holloway**, 92; 52nd Civil Engineer Squadron: **Tech. Sgt. George Hollingsworth**, 95; **Senior Airman Anthony Placho**, 100; 52nd Equipment Maintenance Squadron: **Senior Airman John Williams**, 93; 52nd Services Squadron: **Staff Sgt. Angela Samson**, 93.

Kudos to all; Team Eifel salutes you!
 (Compiled by Senior Airman Amaani Lyle, 52nd Fighter Wing Public Affairs Office)



Courtesy photo

Top Saber Team

Unit name: 52nd Operations Group Standardization and Evaluation Flight

Unit responsibilities: The team validates mission readiness and the effectiveness of the flying and air control squadrons for the 52nd OG.

Number of members: Four; Capt. Dax Hayes and Maj. Ryan Nichols; not pictured are Capt. Ben Hollo and Capt. Jon Carle.

How does the team fit into the 52nd Fighter Wing's mission? The flight integrates two different aircraft and mission control weapons systems combining three distinct missions into a unified composite force. This is accomplished by supporting individual squadron standardization and evaluation shops by standardizing operational procedures, evaluating and revising operational directives, ensuring compliance with appropriate directives, assessing individual aircrew proficiency and capability, recognizing trends, and recommending or initiating changes to training programs and directives.

Team's other contributions through the year? The flight members serve as primary Exercise Evaluation Team evaluators for the operations group during Phase I and Phase II exercises. EET evaluates all phases of operations from mission planning, briefings, sorties and supervision. The flight is also responsible for multiple group and wing-level programs pertaining to the operations group, such as the Supervisor of Flying, Functional Check Flight, and Flight Crew Information File programs.

Dress Right, Dress

USAFE supplement to AFI 36-2903, Table 3.1.2.1.

The stocking or navy watch cap is authorized for wear from Oct. 1 through March 1 annually and may be worn during inclement weather (as defined by the installation) when the flight jacket, leather A-2 flying jacket, cold weather camouflage, or battle dress uniform jacket is worn. Wear the sides of the cap down to cover the ears. Do not wear the cap rolled up on top of the head. The seam of the cap will rest on the crown of the head. If the cap is worn in the immediate work center, it may be worn throughout the installation on breaks, lunch, and other quick convenience stops throughout the installation; however, it will not entirely replace the BDU cap when the BDU cap is more appropriate. The cap may be worn to and from the installation (while traveling in a government- or privately-owned vehicle), but it will not be worn on stops off base (i.e., eating or shopping) when outside of a vehicle.



DoDDS students take reins as *Eifel Times* scribes

The Eifel Times staff wanted to hear from one of our most important assets -- youth. Department of Defense Dependents Schools students here got the opportunity to research, report and sound off about their issues and perspectives. Here's what they had to say.

Coping with deployments

By Rachel Neice, Ashley Fary and Sasha Davidson
BHS students

Being in a military family requires a lot of sacrifices. Long hours at work, calls during the night or during the weekends, and worst of all: deployments.

For families in the military, having a parent or spouse deployed can be hard to cope with. They could be gone for weeks to months at a time. For a spouse, having to cope with not seeing their mate can be stressful, depressing, and scary.

Having to say goodbye to your parent and knowing that you may never see them again can be heartbreaking for teenagers. The most difficult years of a person's life are the teenage years.

Some teens need a lot of support and encouragement during this time. Not having that person to lean on, can make teens feel like they're doing a trust fall with no one there to catch them.

One teen said, "I miss (my dad) and worry, but I'm proud of what he's doing."

For some teens, it's like saying goodbye to their best friend, but others are so used to seeing their parent deployed that they become numb to the effects. Other teens have said things like, "I don't care when he leaves on deployment." Or "I always miss him, but it doesn't really bother me because he has been gone months to a year at a time."

Deployments can bring teens closer to their parents or can create a distance among family members. It's up to teens and parents alike to bridge emotional gaps that may occur.

Seven-period school day goes away

By Liz Jeppesen
Bitburg High School student

For those who have attended high school in the U.S. or graduated some time ago, Department of Defense Dependents Schools new "block schedule" may be a little confusing.

It consists of four periods a day with different classes every other day and is used in most DoDDS middle and high schools in Europe and Asia. It's similar to the traditional seven-period schedule, except the block schedule allows for extended classes -- usually lasting 90 minutes.

Longer class periods let teachers have more time to explain, review, and introduce topics. Students have more time for tests, projects, science experiments and other class work, as well as having extra time to do homework (my favorite part).

Though it may seem that students have eight classes because there are four periods a day and two distinct days, there are only seven graded classes.

The names of days are unique to each school; Bitburg High School has red and blue days, Spangdahlem Middle School has A and E days.

The last period on red days is reserved for seminar, which is similar to study hall; the first half-hour is reserved for silent reading or studying.

At 2 p.m. on weekdays, students are allowed to "travel" with a teacher's permission; they can visit other classrooms to work on projects, study with a partner, get help from teachers, and make up missed work.

Seminar time is also used for special occasions and events: instructional videos covering topics such as Internet savvy and bus safety are shown; and people can hold clubs or assemblies. When standardized tests, like Terra Nova, are taken, seminar is eliminated so classes aren't cut short.

All in all, the block schedule is useful. Some students say its only major flaw is the embarrassment felt if they happen to forget what day it is and go to the wrong class.

Running to improve ourselves, our nation

Commentary by Ashley Sandau
BHS student

What do you do with your free time?

The responses are typical -- watch television, listen to music, or play on the computer like so many Americans do.

However, these -- along with a few other factors, such as our insatiable love of fast food -- are the reasons that the U.S. is one of the most obese nations in the world.

Doesn't it bother us that Americans are often depicted as lazy and overweight? I feel it's time that we do something to change that image, not only because it makes us look bad, but, more importantly, because living like that is a serious danger to our health. At the risk of sounding shamefully cliché, my solution to this is one that --hopefully-- has been drilled into our heads by everyone from our gym teacher to our doctor to our training instructors: exercise. More importantly, run.

As a girl, it is basically a given that I would have issues with my body; it seems as though all the girls at my school do regardless of their shape -- so I began running.

In the second semester of my sophomore year, I was put into an advanced conditioning class, which, at the time, didn't thrill me (I wasn't too fond of overexerting myself much back then). However, as I began to run more and more, I started to realize that it wasn't that bad. In fact, it made me feel good, and as my body started changing and improving, I started to actually enjoy running.

Though I started running to improve my appearance, I have grown to love it. It has become a very important part of my life, so much so that if I don't get a chance to do it or am forced to miss a run, I feel as though a part of my day is missing.

For those of you who don't particularly enjoy running, that might be a hard concept to grasp, and believe me I know that it is challenging and often frustrating; but that's what makes it so appealing. Trying to see how far you can go, how much your body is capable of, is an invigorating experience.

Also, knowing that not only are you improving your health in countless ways (i.e. reducing your chances of heart disease and cancers, lowering blood pressure, as well as helping to relieve stress and depression symptoms), but that you are also ultimately improving your body image, should be motivation enough to start.

Unfortunately, obesity is the second leading cause of preventable death in our nation, after smoking, and it doesn't affect just the estimated 127 million Americans; it affects all of us somehow, whether it be that someone close to us is obese or that it raises health care costs for the nation. It is a problem that ultimately causes us all to suffer, so let's start doing something about it: go out and run today.

A life less ordinary

Commentary by Jessica Warren
BHS student

Going to high school in Europe is far from what most people would call a "normal" high school experience.

From having to be driven everywhere because you are not old enough to drive in Germany, to needing an identification card just to get to school each morning, its hard for most people who graduated in the U.S. to imagine.

Like other seniors, I am currently in the whirlwind of forms and essay writing that is the college admissions process.

Living overseas only complicates this stressful process more. I feel like I have been through it all: calling the admissions office because "AE" was not a recognized state on the online application, getting sent all the information for international students instead of the material for American citizens; and I am not even half way through the application process.

I am also applying to music school for oboe, which turns applying to six schools into applying to 12. Not to mention that I have all the homework of any other high school senior. Sometimes I feel like shouting, "Why can't I just live in the states, and apply to college simply? Why do I have to

be across the world through all of this?"

Once I return to the states, I'll realize that living in Germany is not a curse, as much as I may get frustrated.

I have seen and done countless things that many people never get to do in a lifetime, especially before their eighteenth birthday.

From watching a snake charmer in Morocco, to visiting Rome during the selection of the new pope, to just being friends with a German woman, I have been privileged enough to experience some pretty amazing things. I think back to how I dreaded leaving the states two years ago, and now I almost dread going back.

COLA change for Air Force installations within Germany

Staff reports

RAMSTEIN AIR BASE, Germany
(USAFENS) -- A slight decrease in the Cost of Living Allowance will soon affect military members at U.S. Air Forces in Europe bases in Germany.

Because of the results of the recent Living Pattern Survey and Retail Price Survey, the Per Diem Committee is calling for changes in COLA at Spangdahlem Air Base and the Kaiserslautern Military Community.

The survey results are also causing adjustments at other services' installations within Germany.

"The impact on USAFE locations is relatively minor," said Col. James Behring, USAFE Financial Management director. "COLA base-lines in Italy, England, Turkey, Iceland and the Azores will stay the same and our bases in Germany will see a slight decrease."

The adjustments will take effect Jan. 1, 2006, after the holiday season, and be spread over a two-month period, said Colonel Behring.

The exact dollar amount of the change will depend on various factors such as the military member's rank and number of dependents, he said.

"To put the results of the recent surveys in

perspective, Airmen can look at normal fluctuation in COLA, which is adjusted every two weeks depending on the strength of the dollar," Colonel Behring said. "The drop (beginning in January) as a result of the surveys is equal to the increase in COLA in September."

COLA is a nontaxable Department of Defense allowance paid above and beyond regular military compensation intended to help offset a change in purchasing power for Airmen living overseas. Military members can look up their current COLA rate on the Department of Defense Per Diem website: <https://secureapp2.hqda.pentagon.mil/perdiem/ocform.html>.

The Living Pattern Survey is conducted every three years to gather information about shopping behavior and the costs of goods and services at each overseas location and to ensure good stewardship of the American public's money, Colonel Behring said.

The upcoming COLA decrease is more reflective of the rising cost in the United States, not from a decrease in the German economy or a significant change in on-base versus off-base shopping habits, said the colonel.

More information about how COLA rates are calculated is available at: <https://secureapp2.hqda.pentagon.mil/perdiem>.

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Col. Dave Goldfein

September
Sortie
Scoreboard

Aircraft	Goal	Flown	Delta
22FS	347	347	+8
23FS	343	340	+11
81FS	243	230	0

*Delta is contract vs. sorties flown to date.

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Looking back

Mission focus encourages tolerance; community bonds grow with diversity

By Professor Kenneth E. Lewis, Ph. D
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To military brats it is often difficult to identify any one place to call home. Spending one's childhood traveling from one duty station to another produces a perception that change is inevitable and should be anticipated. You look forward and seldom back — or at least not right away. This is the way it has been for me and others who, over the years, have grown up and moved on in life. But sometimes something happens to draw you back.

For me it was coming across the online Eifel Times and 2005 Eifel Reunion held Sept. 15-16. But as I glanced over the pages something kept attracting my interest. Although I knew no one there, it occurred to me that what I experienced was a familiarity, not with particular people or events, but with the community they represented.

American-American relations

I lived at Spang for three years in the late 1950s and was part of a community whose existence and form were dictated by American military interests in Europe during the Cold War. Most things have changed. Different units have occupied this base over the last forty years and missions have evolved in response to the changing role of the United States in world affairs. One thing that hasn't changed, however, is the fact that the pursuit of the mission has placed a group of people together far from home in a host country with a different language and customs.

This situation shaped the community and I feel provided valuable lessons in life that influenced me later on. The most important of these lessons was an acceptance of diversity as a strength. Air Force bases in the 1950s comprised communities that were probably more insulated than today, but their inward direction avoided problems that plagued our larger society. Racially integrated since the late 1940s and spread over many parts of the world, the American armed forces brought together people with varied backgrounds to form communities diverse in appearance, but lacking the divisions that accompanied those differences elsewhere.

It's safe to say that as a kid, I met a lot of

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friends I wouldn't have known otherwise. This was especially true overseas, where Americans constituted a minority; their similarities became a lot more obvious and put their perceived differences clearly in perspective. Old photos and pictures in the now-yellowed pages of the base paper of that time, called the Photogram, reveal that the kids at Spang represented a wide spectrum of the American population. An awareness of race, ethnicity, and differences in background existed, but these were not issues to us. Looking back, being part of such a community provided a practical example of how things could be if people wanted them to be.

This is not to say that everything was idyllic. Growing up at Spang was much like anywhere else with regard to all of the trials and tribulations of adolescence; I met really nice people as well as some pretty rough ones. And despite progress toward equality, gender parity still had a long way to go. Nevertheless, from that experience I gained the very practical knowledge that peoples' background did not affect their merit and it had nothing to do with a person's value as a human being.

German-American relations

Another aspect of community that impressed me was the relationship between the Americans and the people of the Eifel. At first glance there seemed much to divide them. A devastating war between the United States and Germany lay barely a decade in the past and signs of its destruction were still very evident on the landscape of what was then a very traditional farming region. We all heard stories about the Eifel's role in the actions

accompanying the Battle of the Bulge and saw the ruins of buildings and the scars left on standing walls in Bitburg, Trier and other nearby cities. Most of the adult German population had lived through the war and many were veterans. My parents and those of most of my friends had also served during the Second World War, many of them in Europe.

They were not people I thought likely to befriend one another, but I was mistaken. The recovery from the war and the shared anxieties over the future of Europe bound them closely together. Although the American bases were an important source of local income, their impact extended beyond the economic sphere. Americans living on the local economy and Germans working on base developed broader social ties that manifested themselves through many formal and informal associations.

I recall visits with German scouts and exchange students from local schools, and my parents' participation in the German-American Club. My dad's role as the officer in charge of Spang's TV station brought frequent interaction with people from the surrounding area. The ties between Americans and their German hosts taught me to appreciate another type of diversity and the benefits it generated. One could be different without being wrong and foreign without being a stranger.

As I moved on in life, I had forgotten the unique nature of my experience in Europe and the ways in which it influenced my life. My career in anthropology grew out of the multicultural experience of living abroad, and my early interest in archaeology came directly from my many visits to Trier and other sites in the Eifel. Living at Spangdahlem was an experience to be appreciated, although I didn't realize it at the time.

Although times have changed dramatically and things are certainly not the same in Europe as they were forty years ago, some things haven't, or at least they don't seem to have. So take these ramblings of a former resident for what they're worth. Perhaps you too may look back some day and appreciate the fact that some things are more influential than they once seemed.

Culture Corner

Hispanic heritage bolsters deputy's patriotism

By Lt. Col. Angel Diaz
52nd Operations Group deputy commander

In June of 1983, as I boarded the plane that would take me to the U.S. Air Force Academy, I waved goodbye to my father who could not have been prouder. As I sat on that plane, ready to start my new life, I remember thinking how scary it must have been for my father when he first arrived in America.

My father emigrated from Cuba when he was 23 years old with barely a high school education and no knowledge of the English language. All he had was his work ethic and an unquenchable desire to learn. He eventually used both those qualities in building a successful business and providing for his family. He would often talk about how blessed he was to live in a country that gives you opportunities if you were willing to work for them. He instilled in me a love for America that has never wavered.

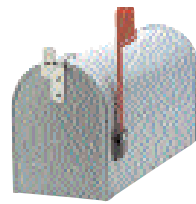
My story of immigrant parents is not unique. The fact is, many Airmen serving in the Air Force today are immigrants or first-generation Americans like me. As we celebrate Hispanic heritage month through mid-October, I encourage you to take the time to get to know the people around you. You will find out "Hispanic" comes in a variety of flavors: Cuban, Mexican, Puerto Rican, Peruvian, Colombian and Dominican just to name a few. Some are relatively new to the United States and others have been here for generations.

I have been blessed in many ways. Growing up with two distinct cultures has given me a unique perspective and the ability to relate to others with different backgrounds more easily. This ability has been invaluable to me throughout my career. The Air Force has recognized the value of educating our Airmen about the people they work with every day. By taking advantage of the "heritage" months we can all gain a perspective that can only make our Air Force stronger.



Community Mailbox

Submit "Community Mailbox" advertisements 10 days before the desired publication date to publicity@spangdahlem.af.mil.



Bazaar shopping

Foggy Fields Bazaar is open today from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m., Saturday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., and Sunday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. in Geilenkirchen NATO AB Hangar 4. The event is open to all U.S. and NATO military ID card holders. The event features vendors selling Turkish carpets, Polish pottery, Bavarian clocks, European antiques, jewelry and more. Profits support military community programs.

Services events

The 52nd Services Squadron offers the following activities in the Bitburg Annex Community Center, building 2012.

- ♦ Pet fair featuring dog contests and a trainer and dog show, Saturday from noon to 3 p.m. in the Bitburg Middle School parking lot. Call 452-9163 for details.
- ♦ Disney family bingo Wednesday from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.
- ♦ Battlefield 1942 Tournament Oct. 8 at noon in Cyber City, next to the Brick House.
- ♦ Story and picnic hour Oct. 13 from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Attendees are encouraged to bring a bag lunch.
- ♦ Face painting for free Oct. 20 from 11 a.m. to noon.
- ♦ Night of One Acts performances Oct. 21-22, cocktails at 6:30 p.m.; curtains open at 7:30 p.m.; and Oct. 23 at 6 p.m. and 7 p.m. The first one-act play features a scene from the play "Open House" by Margaret Crawford. The second one-act play features a scene from Robert Fulgham's "All I really need to know I learned in kindergarten."

SES mentoring

Spangdahlem Elementary School seeks volunteers for the Helping Elementary Learners Program, which begins in October. Volunteers will help students in grades 2-4 improve their oral and written communication skills by meeting one hour each week either Tuesday at 11:30 a.m., Wednesday at 12:50 p.m. or Thursday at 1:30 p.m.

For details, call 452-6881 or e-mail barbara.triplett@eu.dodea.edu.

Cable TV modifications

TKS is preparing the Bitburg Annex housing area cable network to provide high-speed internet connections to all applicable buildings. To do so, the company must modify the existing channel alignment. The Commander's Information Channel, AFN Sports, AFN Spectrum and AFN Atlantic will be switched to new cable frequencies Oct. 11. Also, AFN channels will temporarily be off the air during the switchover. After noon Oct. 11, all residents should retune their TVs to receive the above listed channels again.

Holiday Bazaar

- ♦ Eifel Holiday Bazaar organizers seek outdoor food vendors to fill 15 available slots for the event taking place Nov. 18-20. Visit George Price in Spangdahlem AB building 126, Room 121 for forms and more information.
- ♦ Event coordinators seek volunteers to help in a variety of capacities. E-mail iwanttovolunteer@hotmail.com for details or to register.

OCSC social

The Officers and Civilian Spouses Club meets Oct. 12 at 11 a.m. in Club Eifel. Childcare is available. People interested in joining the OCSC and attending the social should visit the club Web site at www.spangdahlemocsc.com.

Preschool playgroups

- ♦ Parents of preschoolers meet each Tuesday from 10 a.m. to noon at the Spangdahlem AB playground located across from building 409, temporarily, or in building 139 during inclement weather. A playgroup also meets each Thursday from 10 a.m. to noon in the Bitburg Annex building 2012 family room.
- ♦ Fathers of preschoolers meet each Wednesday from 10 a.m. to noon in the Bitburg Annex building 2012 family room. Call 452-8279 to confirm meetings.

WIC Overseas

The Women, Infants and Children Overseas Office is open Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. in Bitburg Annex building 2002. WIC Overseas serves to safeguard the health of low-income women, infants, and children up to age 5 who are at nutritional risk by providing dietary information and nutritious foods to supplement diets. Call 452-9093 for details.

FSC limited services

Spangdahlem AB Family Support Center services are limited due to building renovations. Walk-in FSC services are available Tuesday in building 131, room 211. The Bitburg Annex FSC and Loan Locker in building 2001 are open Monday-Thursday from 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. and Friday noon to 4:30 p.m.

Creative Critters

Creative Critters is a structured play group for children ages 18 months to 5 years. The play group meets each Wednesday from 10-11 a.m. at the Bitburg Annex Family Support Center, building 2001. For details, call Lynn Luria at 452-6422.

Air Force orientation

Heart, a U.S. Air Forces in Europe-sponsored spouse orientation program, coaches spouses with less than five years of military experience on Air Force benefits, protocol and services. The class takes place Oct. 7 from 8:45 a.m. to 2 p.m. in Spangdahlem AB building 130. Call 452-9491 or e-mail tammy.kunz@spangdahlem.af.mil for details.

Gas coupon expiration

Army and Air Force Exchange Service Series 6 POL gas coupons for Germany and the Netherlands expire today for use off base. Customers can use the expired coupons at on-base stations through Dec. 31 or request a refund at AAFES refueling stations for unused coupons that are still attached to the original booklet. For more AAFES information, visit www.aafes.com.

Chapel Services

Spangdahlem AB

Catholic Mass

- ♦ Saturday, 5 p.m.
 - ♦ Sunday, 8:30 a.m.
 - ♦ Sunday, religious education, 9:45 a.m. (building 139)
 - ♦ Monday - Thursday, 11:45 a.m.
- #### Protestant
- ♦ Sunday, 10:30 a.m., traditional service
 - ♦ Sunday, 1 p.m., Korean service
 - ♦ Sunday, 5 p.m., Sunday Night Live service

Bitburg Annex

Catholic Mass

- ♦ Sunday, 11:30 a.m.
 - ♦ Monday, 8:30 a.m.
- #### Protestant
- ♦ Sunday, 8:15 a.m., Liturgical; 9:30 a.m., Contemporary; 1 p.m., Gospel Service

For more information about Jewish, Islamic, Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults or other faith needs, call the chapel at 452-6711/6281.

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Come watch the game at J.R. Rockers for Football Frenzy games and prizes!

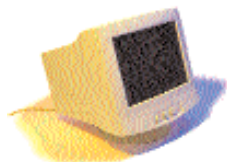
During all AFN broadcast NFL Football games, J.R. Rockers will be offering Football Frenzy stadium specials for club members only! Items include: 2-for-1 bratwurst, spicy and honey BBQ wings, potato skins, dollar drink specials and free popcorn through the game. Check your local AFN television listings for game times.

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Der Markt is for the personal resale of items by military and civilian employees and their families. Items such as advertisements for rental property won't be published due to funded paper restraints. Ads should be 35 words or less and customers are limited to no more than two ads per week. Ads must be typed or printed legibly and turned into the public affairs office, building 23, at least **10 days before the desired date of publication**. Ads can also be e-mailed to publicity@spangdahlem.af.mil or sent via fax to 452-5254. Having ads in by deadline does not guarantee publication. Ads for services generating regular income will not be published. The ads must include the sponsor's name and telephone number. Ads not meeting these requirements, including those exceeding the designated word limits, will not be printed. The *Eifel Times* staff reserves the right to edit ads.

Movies

The following movie listings are for today through Oct. 6. Times and movies are subject to change. Call 06565-61-9441 or 452-9441 for information. Movie synopses are available at www.aafes.com/ems/default.asp.

Spangdahlem Skyline

Today

Sky High (R, 7 p.m.)

Set in a world where superheroes are commonly known and accepted, young Will Stronghold tries to find a balance between being a normal teenager and an extraordinary being.

Wedding Crashers (R, 9:30 p.m.)

John and Jeremy, a pair of committed womanizers who sneak into weddings to take advantage of the romantic tinge in the air, find themselves at odds with one another when John meets and falls for Claire Cleary.

Saturday

Valiant (G, 7 p.m.)

The animated comedy tells the story of a lowly wood pigeon named Valiant, who overcomes his small size to become a hero in Great Britain's Royal Air Force Homing Pigeon Service during World War II.

Hustle & Flow (R, 9:30 p.m.)

When Rapper DJay hears that rap superstar Skinny Black is heading to his Memphis 'hood, he throws together a supreme hustle to grab Skinny's attention.

Sunday

Valiant (4 p.m.)

Wedding Crashers (7 p.m.)

Monday

Sky High (7 p.m.)

Tuesday

Valiant (7 p.m.)

Closed Wednesday and Thursday

Bitburg Castle

Today

Deuce Bigalow: European Gigolo (R, 7 p.m.)

Deuce Bigalow is seduced back to his pleasure-for-pay profession when his former pimp is implicated in the murders of Europe's greatest gigolos.

The Devil's Reject (R, 9:30 p.m.)

The murderous Firefly family continues their soulless killing spree while Sheriff John, who seeks to avenge his brother's murder, searches to track the family down.

Saturday

Charlie and the Chocolate Factory (PG, 7 p.m.)

Charlie Bucket, a boy from an impoverished family, wins a candy bar contest and is given a tour, along with four other children, of the Willy Wonka candy factory.

Deuce Bigalow: European Gigolo (9:30 p.m.)

Sunday

Charlie and the Chocolate Factory (4 p.m.)

Deuce Bigalow: European Gigolo (7 p.m.)

Closed Monday and Tuesday

Wednesday

Bad News Bears (PG-13, 7 p.m.)

Morris, a former professional baseball player turned drunkard, is lured back into the game for the paycheck as the new coach of the Bears youth team.

Thursday

Deuce Bigalow: European Gigolo (7 p.m.)



Photos by Jengel

Jean Heinen sells walnut travel packs to visitors of the 2004 Vianden Neessmoort. The annual nut fair features many kinds of walnut products, from the edible treats to art for display. The event takes place all day Sunday. For more information about Vianden and the fair, visit www.nessmoort.lu/.

People go nuts in Vianden this weekend!

Ancient town in Luxembourg celebrates walnut abundance

By Iris Reiff

52nd Fighter Wing Public Affairs Office

This Sunday, the town of Vianden is the site for an unusual event, the ancient "Neessmoort," meaning "nut fair," which attracts more than 15,000 visitors annually.

Most, if not all, of the products offered at this market contain or are made of walnuts. More than 25 vendor stands lining the streets sell nut wines, liquors, sausages, cakes and even art.

The idea for the event started many years ago, when people had a large harvest of walnuts. Instead of wasting the healthy food, the townspeople decided to have a market where they could sell the extra nuts.

According to studies by the American Heart Association, walnuts are high in omega-3 fatty acids, such as alpha-linolenic acid, which is believed to be healthy for the arteries. The study also finds that walnut fats may help lower unhealthy cholesterol levels.

But the nut fair isn't just popular for its health effects. The event gained popularity because of the creative ways in which the people of Vianden marketed their walnuts. In addition to food and art, musical entertainment is offered inside the local pubs and restaurants. Vianden castle is also open for visitors to view the facility's collection of medieval weapons, armor and art.

Shuttle busses offer transportation for people who aren't nuts about walking to and from the Park & Ride areas located outside the town center.

About Vianden

♦ The ancient town is situated on the banks of the Our River and is located about 25 miles north of the city of Luxembourg.

♦ Vianden castle dates back to the 9th century and was the home of powerful nobles of the 11th and 13th centuries. The ruined castle was restored in the 1980s.



Crowds of nut fair enthusiasts fill Vianden's ancient streets.

♦ The ancient town offers a number of museums and art exhibitions at the "Pumpeispeicherwerk," or hydroelectric pumping works, which was once one of Europe's most powerful pumping stations.

♦ In 1871 the great French writer Victor Hugo spent his voluntary exile at Vianden. Hugo's house at the bridge opened as the Victor Hugo Museum in 1935, featuring the writer's letters, furnishings, personal documents and reproductions of his drawings sketched during his stay. A bust of Hugo, sculpted by the famous artist Rodin, stands on the breastwork of the bridge.

♦ The surrounding area features established walking trails, a chairlift to the castle, a heated outdoor swimming pool, mini-golf, fishing and bicycle tours.



Out and About

(Editor's note: Event dates and times are subject to change. To confirm event details, call the telephone information office at 11833 and ask for a number to the tourist office in the town the event takes place. For event tickets, call the Trier press center at 06511-459930, the Trier Tourist Information Office at 06519-780822 or the Trier Ticket Service at 06519-941188, unless specified otherwise.)

♦ A classical concert with compositions by Johann Sebastian Bach takes place Monday at the Trier Konstantin Basilica.

♦ Lord of the Dance, Part III, is performed Oct. 9 at the Trier Arena.

♦ A Polizei friendship choir and orchestra concert takes place Oct. 15 at the BBS Aula or auditorium hall.

Register for the following trips at the Information, Tickets and Tours Office located in the Spangdahlem AB Community Center. Trip costs vary according to group numbers. Call 452-6567 for details.

♦ Venice and Nove ceramic shopping overnight, Oct. 14-16.

♦ Cochem medieval dinner, Oct. 15.

*Good friends
help each other
benefit concert*

Oct. 8 at 7 p.m.

in Bitburg Flugplatz, Hall 300

The event entry fee is \$5.

Call the community relations office at 452-6434 or 452-7161 for ticket information.

Proceeds benefit Hurricane Katrina relief programs.

Sports Briefs

No-tap tourney

A no-tap nine-pin bowling tournament sponsored by the Air Force Sergeants Association takes place today at 1 p.m. in the Eifel Lanes Bowling Center. The cost is \$10 per person or \$40 per four-person team. Call Staff Sgt. Michael Zeigler at 452-6965.

Play for hurricane relief

A softball tournament to benefit Operation Katrina humanitarian relief efforts takes place Oct. 8-10. The registration fee is \$150 per team and the deadline is Monday. First-, second- and third-place prizes will be awarded. For more information, call Master Sgt. Dale Wright at 452-6578 or Master Sgt. Kally Wright at 452-6284.

Fitness center improvements

The Spangdahlem AB fitness center is undergoing renovations now through November. The gym floor is closed for resurfacing from Oct. 3-30. All classes usually held in the gym take place in the aerobics room until the resurfacing project is completed. The aerobics room is closed for renovations Oct. 31-Nov. 18. All classes will then take place in the gym until the project is completed.

Try basketball, cheerleading

Registration for the upcoming youth basketball and cheerleading seasons takes place Oct. 17-Nov. 4. The season begins Dec. 5 for youth ages 5-15. Cost is \$35 for ages 5-10 and \$40 for ages 11-15. Coaches are also needed. Register at the Bitburg Annex Teen Center in building 58.

Volunteer for BHS football

The Bitburg High School Barons football team needs volunteers for their upcoming home games Oct. 8 and Oct. 15. Volunteers are needed for chain and down markers, to run the clock and manage the scoreboard. For more information, call Coach Mike Laue at 452-9202.

Relax with Tai Chi

The health and wellness center offers Tai Chi Quan classes each Monday and Wednesday from noon to 1 p.m. The exercise focuses on meditation in movement. For details, call Klaus van den Boom at 452-7233.

Make exercise personal

Make a commitment to get in shape by hiring a personal trainer from the Spangdahlem AB Fitness Center. Rates start at \$35 an hour or people can pay \$25 per hour when they purchase 10-session packages. For details, call Suzanne Mann at 06565-933682 or Anna Strickland at 0173-670-3841.

Lady's basketball tryouts

Lady Saber Women's Varsity Basketball tryouts take place today from 5-7 p.m. at the Spangdahlem AB fitness center. Call the fitness center at 452-6711 for more information.

Story and photos by
Senior Airman Amaani Lyle
52nd Fighter Wing Public Affairs Office

Spangdahlem Air Base "firedawgs" showed they were hot stuff during Monday's preparation for the 2005 World Challenge, slated to take place Nov. 1-5 in Deer Field Beach, Fla.

Wing leaders visited the firestation to congratulate the 52nd Fighter Wing Firefighter Team for their U.S. Air Forces in Europe Firefighters' Endurance Competition second place team and relay win Aug. 27.

Team captain Staff Sgt. Cory McGee and teammates Senior Master Sgt. Michael Cavaliero, Senior Airman Jack Snyder and Gerd Mueller will head to Florida as a result of their overall team time of 5:53 at the Ramstein AB, Germany, competition.

McGee took first place in his age group with an overall time of 1:33 (with two-second penalty). His time is the best in USAFE, and he is the current record holder in the command.



Lt. Col. Mitch Gordon, 52nd Civil Engineer Squadron commander, tries his hand at carrying a dummy to safety Monday as Staff Sgt. Cory McGee times and coaches him.



Above, Senior Airman Jack Snyder drags a dummy during a multiple-drill practice Monday in preparation for the 2005 World Challenge slated for Nov. 1-5 in Deer Field Beach, Fla. Airman Snyder rounded out the team with a time of 2:02 at the U.S. Air Forces in Europe Firefighters' Endurance Competition at Ramstein AB, Germany, Aug. 27. His teammate, Sergeant Cavaliero (not shown) took first place in the Chief Officer category with a time of 2:18 at the USAFE competition. Left, Col. Dave Goldfein, 52nd FW commander, readies to whack a Kaiser sled just for fun as Master Sgt. Anthony Fornicola looks on. "These guys are awesome and truly part of a brotherhood," Colonel Goldfein said. "They're also in incredible physical condition -- great role models for all of us!"

Tennis teams net win over Mannheim

By **Pete Vadney**
Bitburg High School tennis coach

Last Saturday, the Bitburg High School Barons traveled to Mannheim to take on the Bisons in a match up of two Div. II schools.

For the sixth year in a row, the Barons swept the Bisons, 9-0 in ladies tennis and 6-3 on the men's play.

Jennica Botonis and Ashley Fary led the netters, both sweeping matches; Jennica 6-0, 6-0 in the number one position and 8-0 for Ashley playing number two.

Dani Goldfein also aced her opponent 8-0 in the number four slot, while

Jackie Ventrice slipped only a little in pounding Mannheim 8-1.

In number one doubles play, Jackie joined up with Sydnei Banks and they too cruised to a 6-2, 6-0 victory; while Dani teamed with Audrey Neubauer winning 8-3 in the number two doubles match.

The ladies have played three teams this season totaling 27 games and have yet to lose even a game.

The men found the going a little bumpier as John Pendergrass led the way by winning the number one match 6-3, 6-0. Zack Heath squeezed by his number two opponent 8-6, and Mickey

Cavaliero started slowly but eventually cruised home to a 8-2 number four match. Marc Ramos ended the Barons winning on the day 8-0 against the number five Bison. The doubles team of Heath and Kolby Kruse started out their match well winning the first set 6-2, only to see the Bisons rise up in the second two sets and ultimately win 6-3, 6-4. The number two doubles team of Cavaliero and Ramos also lost to the Bisons in a close match 6-8.

The Barons travel to Div I Lakenheath Saturday where the ladies sterling record will be challenged. In a second match of Air Force high school teams, Bitburg will also play Alconbury.

1. Drop-off completed entry forms at Club Eifel before end of 1st Quarter of 1st game each week

2. One entry per Club member

Spangdahlem Football Frenzy

Week 4

Circle Your Choices for Each Game

Buffalo at New Orleans	Seattle at Washington
Denver at Jacksonville	St Louis at NY Giants
Detroit at Tampa Bay	NY Jets at Baltimore
Houston at Cincinnati	Dallas at Oakland
Indianapolis at Tennessee	Minnesota at Atlanta
Philadelphia at Kansas City	San Francisco at Arizona
San Diego at New England	Green Bay at Carolina

Week 4 Tiebreaker
Total Number of Punts in All Week 4 Games: _____

Club Member Rank/Name: _____ Unit: _____ Phone: _____

Last 4 of Club Card: _____ Favorite NFL Team: _____



Scoreboard

The following is a list of the latest standings for the intramural football season, as of Sept. 27. The top eight teams competed at the playoffs Wednesday.

2005 Intramural flag football champions:

Team	Wins	Losses
OSS	11	2
SFS	11	2
EMS	10	3
Wire Dawgs	10	3
702 MUNSS	9	4
COMM	9	4
CES	7	6
AMXS	5	8
MOS/MSS	4	9
Fire Dawgs	4	9
606	1	9
MDG (forfeit)	4	9

Fill out and cut out form, then
drop in an entry box to play
Spangdahlem Football Frenzy!